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1. The three Foreign Office Undersecretaries each have specific functions:

- (a) Vobla generally handles all international conferences, has very little to do with the actual running of the Department, and usually deals with minor matters.
- (b) Velebit is the executive officer of the Department. The top Communists believe he has the ability to carry out orders. He certainly does not make any policy, but often is the one who receives orders as to policy from Tito. Other instructions come from Gilas and Kardelj.
- (c) Krivic was put in the Foreign Office by the Central Committee of the Communist Party to purge and straighten it out. Krivic is often used to clear policy with the Politburo.

2. Although not in the chain of command, the most important unit in the Foreign Office beneath the Undersecretaries is the Control Office. This is headed by Jurance, who is certainly a prominent party member and probably the top CENA official in the Foreign Office. The Control Office can go into every matter concerning the Foreign Office, and is continually acting to give the Communist Party more complete control of the Department.

3. There are four divisions in the Political Department:

- (a) Eastern or Russian, headed by Vojvoda, who was in the international Brigade in Spain, was formerly a director of Tanjug, and is a high Communist Party official.
- (b) Western Division, headed by Prica, who used to live in the US and was previously chief editor of the labor organizations publications. Prica's wife is American and still lives in the US.
- (c) Central or Balkan Division, headed by Brilej.
- (d) United Nations - Transportation Division, headed by Matin, who is on the third Committee of UN.

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4. The Economic Department (formerly Consular Department) is headed by Nerko Sardelic, who was a political Commissar in the Partisans, a Colonel in the Yugoslav Army, was liaison officer in Italy and in the Yugoslav mission to Berlin up to the spring of 1947.

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5. The Information Department is headed by Koch.

6. Incoming cables to the Foreign Office are also distributed to the General Staff, Marshal Tito, Kardelj, the party, and the Politburo or OZNA. Outgoing cables of importance get the same distribution.

7. Every morning the top officials of the Foreign Office have a meeting to discuss policy matters. This meeting is an innovation, started because the Foreign Office was not being well run.

8. Velebit once complained that no one in the Foreign Office had sufficient party rank or influence. Velebit said that Yugoslav policy was run on two roads; that which the Foreign Office used, and that which the party used. Velebit's complaint was based on the fact that Moscow sent orders directly to the party, and often the Foreign Office heard them only by chance.

9. The real boss of Yugoslav foreign policy is Vlado Polovich, who represents the party in Moscow.

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